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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 5 Percent in February

HARRISBURG, PA, Mar 23, 2007 --- Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during February 2007 totaled 96.9 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 5 percent from February 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 86.7 million pounds live weight, was up 10 percent from February 2006. Total head slaughtered was 69,400, up 10 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 4 pounds to 1,259 pounds. Veal production was 5.6 million pounds live weight, down 1 percent from a year ago. Calf slaughter, at 15,000 head, was up 7 percent, and average live weight decreased 27 pounds to 376 pounds. Pork production, at 56.5 million pounds live weight, was down slightly from a year earlier. Total head slaughtered was 225,100, down 2 percent from February of 2006. Average live weight was 252 pounds, up 4 pounds from February of last year. Lamb and mutton production was 285,000 pounds live weight, down 5 percent. The number slaughtered was 3,000, down 3 percent from February of last year. The average live weight decreased 2 pounds from February 2006 to 95 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for February totaled 3.62 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, up 4 percent from the 3.49 billion pounds produced in February 2006. Beef production, dressed weight basis, at 1.95 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.56 million head, up 9 percent from February 2006. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,274 pounds. Veal production, at 12.2 million pounds, was 7 percent above February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 66,900 head, up 27 percent from February 2006. The average live weight was 50 pounds below last year, at 307 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.12 million head, down slightly from February 2006. The average live weight was 2 pounds below the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.4 million pounds, was down 2 percent from February 2006. Sheep slaughtered totaled 204,400 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, down 4 pounds from February a year ago.

January-February red meat production was 7.7 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was up 14 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton was down 5 percent.

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